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Dear Sir:

Please rewrite claims 5 and 18 as follows:

5. (Amended) A method for using a cable management device capable of carrying and at least partially concealing a length of cable, the device having a tray with a notch at an upper portion and a notch at a lower portion of the tray and a cover, the method comprising:

mounting the tray, the lower portion of the tray comprising a groove underneath the lower portion notch; (14)

arranging the [length of] cable in the tray including laying the [length of] cable [along] at least partially inside the groove; Fig - 1

[determining if the notch at the upper portion of the tray is to be used to pass the length of cable and, if so, selectively routing the [length of] cable through at least one of the upper portion notch and the lower portion notch; and closing the cover on the tray.

18. (Amended) A method for using a cable management device to hold and to at least partially conceal a length of cable positioned along a floor at a corner between the

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